



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RTID 0648-XB792

Marine Mammals and Endangered Species

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permits, permit amendments, and permit modifications.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that permits, permit amendments, and permit modifications have been issued to the following entities under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA), as applicable.

ADDRESSES: The permits and related documents are available for review upon written request via email to NMFS.PrIComments@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D. (Permit Nos. 20646-01 and 25885); Courtney Smith, Ph.D. (Permit No. 21143-01); Erin Markin, Ph.D. (Permit No. 23200-01); Carrie Hubard (Permit No. 25900); and Malcolm Mohead (Permit Nos. 19641-03 and 25864); at (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notices were published in the **Federal Register** on the dates listed below that requests for a permit, permit amendment, or permit modification had been submitted by the below-named applicants. To locate the **Federal Register** notice that announced our receipt of the application and a complete description of the activities, go to www.federalregister.gov and search on the permit number provided in Table 1 below.

Table 1 -- Issued Permits, Permit Amendments, and Permit Modifications

Permit No.	RTID	Applicant	Previous Federal Register Notice	Issuance Date
20646-01	0648-XF213	Morgridge Institute for Research, 330 North Orchard Street, Madison, WI	82 FR 29053; June 27, 2017	January 4, 2022

		53715 (Responsible Party: James Thomson, Ph.D.)		
23200-01	0648-SB500	University of North Carolina, Wilmington, 601 South College Road, Wilmington, NC 28403 (Responsible Party: Frederick Scharf, Ph.D.)	86 FR 56692; October 12, 2021	January 24, 2022
25885	0648-XB610	Peter Thielen, D. Eng., Johns Hopkins University, Applied Physics Laboratory, 11100 Johns Hopkins Road, Laurel, MD 20723	86 FR 67036; November 24, 2021	January 18, 2022
21143-01	0648-XF500	Jeremy Kiszka, Ph.D., Florida International University, 3000 NE 151st Street, Marine Science Building, Room 250D, North Miami, FL 33181	82 FR 31950; July 11, 2017	January 27, 2022
25900	0648-XB547	Echo Pictures Ltd., St Nicholas House, 31-34 High Street, Bristol, BS1 2AW, United Kingdom (Responsible Party: Joe Stevens)	86 FR 69622; December 8, 2021	January 24, 2022
25864	0648-SB500	Gregg Poulakis, Ph.D., Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission 585 Prineville Street, Port Charlotte, FL 33954	86 FR 56692; October 12, 2021	January 24, 2022
19641-03	0648-SB500	Tom Savoy, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, P.O. Box 719, Old Lyme, CT 06371	86 FR 56692; October 12, 2021	January 24, 2022

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activities proposed are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

As required by the ESA, as applicable, issuance of these permit was based on a finding that such permits: (1) were applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in Section 2 of the ESA.

Authority: The requested permits have been issued under the MMPA of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the ESA of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et*

seq.), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226), as applicable.

Dated: February 7, 2022.

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Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.

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